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Chapter 11
The Tulip's Challenge

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I THINK I'VE FINALLY FOUND.. THE REAL ASAKURA.
YOU'VE ENTERED ME INTO THAT FLOWER DESIGN CONTEST?
ME!?
YES THE CONTEST USED TO BE FOR PROFESSIONAL FLORAL DESIGNERS AND FLOWER ARRANGEMENT STUDENTS, BUT THIS YEAR THEY DECIDED TO OPEN IT TO PUBLIC.
WHAT DO YOU THINK? ARE YOU INTERESTED?

BUT DON'T YOU HAVE TO BE AN ADULT TO ENTER?
NOPE. IT DOESN'T SPECIFY THE MINIMUM AGE FOR THE CONTESTANTS
PLUS, YOU'RE GREAT AT TAKING CARE OF FLOWERS, AND ALSO TALENTED AT ARRANGING THEM.
HAVE A THINK ABOUT IT OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS
NATIONAL FLOWER DESIGN CONTEST JAPAN 1998
OKAY...
WOW! THAT'S SO COOL! YOU'RE AWESOME, CHIKA!
I BET YOU'LL BE A PROFESSIONAL FLOWER DESIGNER IN NO TIME!

CHIKA?
DON'T BE SO UNGRATEFUL! CAN'T YOU LOOK MORE HAPPY? THIS IS SUCH A RARE OPPORTUNITY!
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE HAWAII?
SO... THE WINNER GETS A FREE TRIP TO HAWAII, RIGHT?
AND APART FROM THE ORDERS AND DISPLAYS IN MY FATHER'S SHOP AND PRESENTS FOR OTHERS, I'VE NEVER DONE ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT BEFORE, AND MOST OF THE CONTESTANTS WILL HAVE SOME SORT OF SPECIAL TRAINING.
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO PARTICIPATE, BUT THERE'S A PROBLEM. I NEED TO THINK UP A THEME FOR MY ENTRY ARRANGEMENT.
JEEZ.
AND AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE AS WELL!
WHY DID FATHER SUDDENLY ASK ME TO ENTER ME FOR THIS CONTEST?
IT'S NOT AS EASY AS IT LOOKS, OKAY?!
STOP FIGHTING GUYS
WIN, AND GO TO HAWAII!
IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE THOROUGHLY PLANNED, RIGHT? JUST MAKE SOMETHING PRETTY!

JUST MAKE SOMETHING PRETTY, HUH?
WOOF
SSSH
!!!
Rustle
Rustle
WHAT ARE YOU DRAWING?

DID YOU COME TO SEE HOW THE GARDEN'S DOING?
NO!
straight to the point
.....
THE BUDS ARE STARTING TO GROW NOW.
SORRY, SORRY. BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU COULD DRAW SO WELL. CAN I HAVE A CLOSER LOOK?
YOU ALMOST GAVE ME A HEART ATTACK!
BUT I DON'T HATE HIM ANYMORE.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
HE HASN'T CHANGED A BIT.
?
HE SEEMS RUDE AND MEAN,
BUT REALLY, HE'S JUST STUBBORN AND STIFF...

DOKI
MY FACE IS GOING RED!
DOKI
DOKI
DOKI
OH, THANKS.
THERE WAS .. A LEAF ON...
...
WH...
WHY ARE YOU BLUSHING?!
YOU JUST SURPRISED ME, THAT'S ALL.

AH.
DOKI DOKI DOKI
I KNOW.
THESE TULIPS ARE ABOUT TO BLOOM.
KAZUSHI'S WAS THE ONE WHO PLANTED THOSE FLOWERS, WASN'T HE?
YES.
HE SAID HE'D COME BACK TO SEE THE FLOWERS IN BLOOM. I THINK HE'LL FORGET, THOUGH.
THIS GARDEN REALLY DID COME BACK TO LIVE..
FOR ASAKURA AND I,
THIS GARDEN IS A PRECIOUS MEMORIAL TO THE PERSON WE LOVED THE MOST...

HEY, RYUUU!
HAVE YOU FOUND SOMETHING INTERESTING?
ASAKURA!
THE COLORS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL. I HOPE THEY'LL BLOOM SOON
WOOF
THAT MEMORY WILL NEVER...
LEAVE ME...
WHAT'S THIS?
A NATIONAL FLOWER DESIGN COMPETITION?
WERE YOU THINKING OF ENTERING THIS?
.....
FATHER HAS ALREADY ENTERED ME, BUT I CAN ALWAYS BACK OUT IF I WANT

I WILL ALWAYS LOVE FLOWERS,
AND THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE.
BUT I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO EXPRESS THOSE FEELINGS IN AN ARRANGEMENT.
I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HELP.
WHAT?
IT'S SOMETHING THAT HIKARU ONCE TOLD ME..
.....
"A MAN-MADE..."
"A GARDEN IS A MAN-MADE PARADISE".
"PARADISE...?"

MY MOTHER...
LOVED GARDENING.
EH?
AND THAT WAS THE FIRST GARDEN.
HE SAID THAT ONCE, A MAN THOUGHT ABOUT HIS IDEA OF PARADISE, AND TRIED TO CREATE IT.
HE DID HIS BEST TO DESIGN AN ENGLISH-STYLE HOUSE, TO MATCH MOTHER'S ENGLISH GARDEN.
HE'S A DREAMER AFTER ALL.
.....
AND FATHER BUILT HIS IDEAL HOUSE HERE.
THIS GARDEN WAS THE EXPRESSION OF MOTHER'S DREAM.
IT WAS SO BEAUTIFUL.. ALMOST LIKE A DREAM—
THE FIRST TIME I SAW THIS GARDEN, I FELT LIKE I WAS IN PARADISE.
BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY.
IS THAT SO?

SOMEDAY, I WILL MAKE MY OWN DREAM HOUSE.
A BEAUTIFUL PARADISE LIKE THE ONE THAT APPEARS IN MY DREAMS...
DREAMS...?
HOUSE?

I WANT TO BE AN ARCHITECT.
I MEAN...
I COULD EASILY HAVE CHOSEN TO BE SOMETHING ELSE, BUT,
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M TRYING TO COPY MY FATHER.
ASAKURA.
ASAKURA'S DREAM...
THEN THE ONE YOU'RE DRAWING.
YES, IT'S MY PREPARATION.

HM.
CAN I SEE IT?
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LILIES?
NOPE.
GAVELS?
ROSES?
NOPE.
NOPE.
I'VE NEVER FOUND IT THIS HARD TO CHOOSE A FLOWER BEFORE.
THIS IS ALL WE HAVE
STOP BEING FUSSY AND JUST PICK ONE ALREADY, WILL YOU?
NOPE.
HAVE YOU TOLD HER ABOUT "THAT" YET?
CHIKA IS REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS CONTEST THING.
WHAT ABOUT THESE?

THEY'RE SO PRETTY!
I THINK I'LL USE TULIPS AFTER ALL.
THEY'RE THE SAME TYPE AS THE ONES KAZUSHI PLANTED.
EH?
KA... KAZUSHI?!
HEY, CHIKA! I HEARD YOU WERE ENTERING THE COMPETITION!
WH... WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? I CAME TO SUPPORT YOU!
PLUS, I PROMISED I'D COME BACK TO SEE THE TULIPS DIDN'T I?
PAT PAT PAT

I KNOW! LET'S GO SEE THE GARDEN. THE GARDEN! YAY!
UNCLE, WE'RE GOING OUT SOMEWHERE! SEE YA!
?
JEEZ, KAZUSHI YOU LIKE TO SURPRISE ME, DON'T YOU?
BESIDES, YOU DIDN'T NEED TO COME ALL THAT WAY JUST TO SUPPORT ME.
BUT I WANTED TO SEE YOU!
AND I ALSO EXPECT TO LEARN SOMETHING FROM THE CONTEST.
DO YOU KNOW HOW PRESTIGIOUS THE JAPAN FLOWER CONTEST IS? PROFESSIONALS WILL COME FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO ENTER THIS CONTEST.
YOU'D BE LUCKY TO BE ACCEPTED TO PARTICIPATE, NEVER MIND WINNING IT.
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? WHAT WAS MY FATHER THINKING?!
HEY, JUST TRY TO FORGET ABOUT WHAT I SAID EARLIER.
AND DO YOUR BEST, OKAY?

!
PAT PAT
THIS IS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CHANCE. IF YOU DON'T GIVE IT A TRY, I KNOW YOU'LL REGRET IT.
UNDERSTOOD?
?
YES.
I...
I GUESS.
WHEN ASAKURA DID THAT,
I EXPERIENCED A DIFFERENT FEELING.
AREN'T THE COLORS STUNNING? EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVEN'T COMPLETELY BLOOMED YET,
THEY'RE ALREADY BEAUTIFUL.

RED, WHITE, YELLOW, VIOLET, PINK, AND ORANGE..
IT REALLY FEELS LIKE SPRING NOW!
WHAT LIVELY COLORS!
AN THE THEME WILL BE SPRING!
OKAY, I'VE DECIDED!
THE MAIN FLOWER IN MY ARRANGE-MENT IS GOING TO BE THE TULIP.
...

I FEEL LIKE SHE'S COMPLETELY CHANGED. AM I IMAGINING THINGS, OR. .?
IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE I LAST SAW HER, BUT FOR SOME REASON..
SHE'S NOT AS WEAK AS YOU THOUGHT SHE WAS.
SHE'S ACTUALLY REALLY STRONG.
I CAN'T BE COMPARED TO HER

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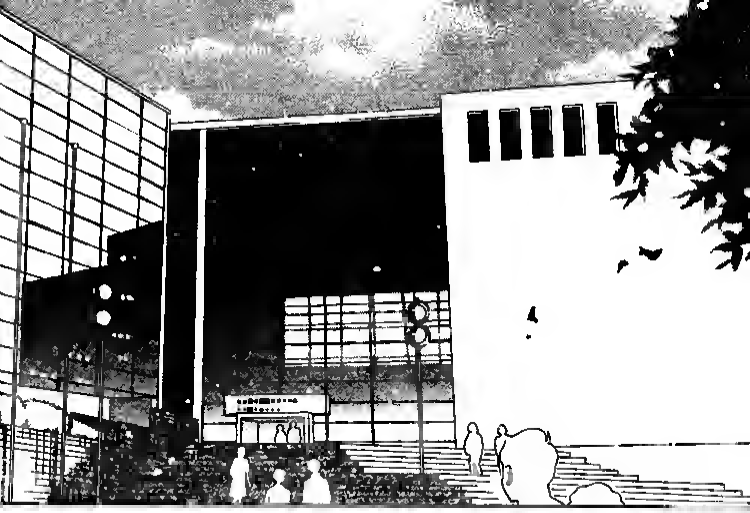
ANYWAY, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT TULIPS HAD SO MANY VARIATIONS
SO YOU'RE SUDDENLY INTERESTED IN FLOWERS, HUH?
THEY WERE ALL IMPORTED DIRECTLY FROM HOLLAND. IT'S DIFFICULT TO FIND THEM IN JAPAN.
TULIPS HAVE LOTS OF VARIATIONS IN BOTH SHAPE AND COLOR.
AND THE MEANING OF EACH TYPE IS DIFFERENT AS WELL.
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
I DID
RED TULIP MEANS "CONFESSION OF LOVE",
VIOLET MEANS "ETERNAL LOVE", YELLOW MEANS...
UMM... I CAN'T REMEMBER THE MEANING OF THE YELLOW ONE.
ABOUT THE COMPETITION.
I HEARD THAT THERE'D BE A LOT OF PROFESSIONALS PARTICIPATING, SO DO YOUR BEST, CHIKA.
YOU'VE SAID THAT TWICE ALREADY.

YOU'RE ALL SO MEAN!
SOUNDS GOOD
WANNA GO WATCH, ASAKURA? LET'S MAKE HER MORE NERVOUS.
IS THE COMPETITION REALLY PRESTIGIOUS?
Don't call me an idiot!
I was only joking you idiot
YELLOW MEANS.. "HAVING HOPE IN LOVE"...



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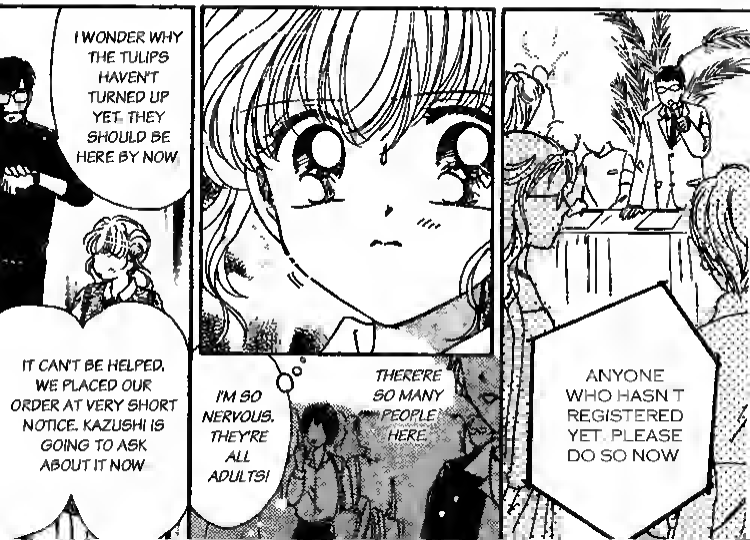
I WONDER WHY THE TULIPS HAVEN'T TURNED UP YET. THEY SHOULD BE HERE BY NOW.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. WE PLACED OUR ORDER AT VERY SHORT NOTICE. KAZUSHI IS GOING TO ASK ABOUT IT NOW.
I'M SO NERVOUS. THEY'RE ALL ADULTS!
THERE'RE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE.
ANYONE WHO HASN'T REGISTERED YET, PLEASE DO SO NOW

HERE COME THE JUDGES.
KIMIKA NIKAIDOU-SAN.
HEY, I'VE SEEN HER ON TELEVISION!
SHE'S NOT ONLY A FLOWER DESIGNER, BUT AN INTERIOR DESIGNER.
AND A SYNTHETIC-FLOWER DISTRIBUTOR AS WELL.
SHE'S SO TALENTED!
FATHER!
IF I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONTEST, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE THE CHANCE TO MEET HER AGAIN.
YOUR MOTHER IS GOING TO LEAVE JAPAN SOON AND WILL BE AWAY FOR QUITE A WHILE. I WANTED HER TO AT LEAST SEE YOUR FLOWER ARRANGING SKILLS BEFORE SHE LEAVES.
MOTHER...!?
FATHER, DID YOU...
I'M SORRY FOR HIDING THIS FROM YOU...

HOW COULD I EVER ARRANGE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF HER?
RUSTLE RUSTLE
CHIKA, BAD NEWS!
I JUST FOUND OUT THAT...
THE DELIVERY TRUCK GOT STUCK IN TRAFFIC AND WON'T GET HERE IN TIME.
WHAT?!
THE TULIPS SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE THIS MORNING, BUT...
WHERE ARE WE GOING TO GET MORE TULIPS?!

APPARENTLY, THE TRUCK WOULDN'T BE ABLE MAKE IT IN TIME. SO SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY FLOWERS
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU TWO, WAIT HERE!
I'LL CHECK SOME OTHER STORES. SOMEONE MIGHT HAVE THEM BY CHANCE!
CHIKA...
.....
Category
Flower arrangement
CHIKA MIZUKI
STUCK IN TRAFFIC?
MY ENTIRE DESIGN REVOLVES AROUND THOSE TULIPS!
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

WHAT'S WRONG?
THE FLOWERS ..
THE FLOWERS THAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO USE AREN'T HERE.
ASAKURA.
FLOWERS? YOU MEAN THE TULIPS?
UNCLE AND SHIN-SAN ARE OUT FINDING HER A REPLACEMENT RIGHT NOW.
BUT I DON'T THINK THEY'LL BE ABLE TO FIND ONE, SINCE THEY'RE PRETTY RARE.
DARN IT!
ARE THERE ANY OTHER FLOWERS WE CAN USE?
I'LL GO LOOK FOR A FLORIST SHOP NEARBY.
KAZUSHI!
WHAT NOW?

SOME OF THE TULIPS IN MY GARDEN HAVE JUST BLOOMED.
CAN'T WE JUST USE THEM?
ASA...
SURE... BUT WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT
WILL YOU BE ABLE TO BRING THEM HERE IN TIME?
I'LL JUST HAVE TO, WON'T I?

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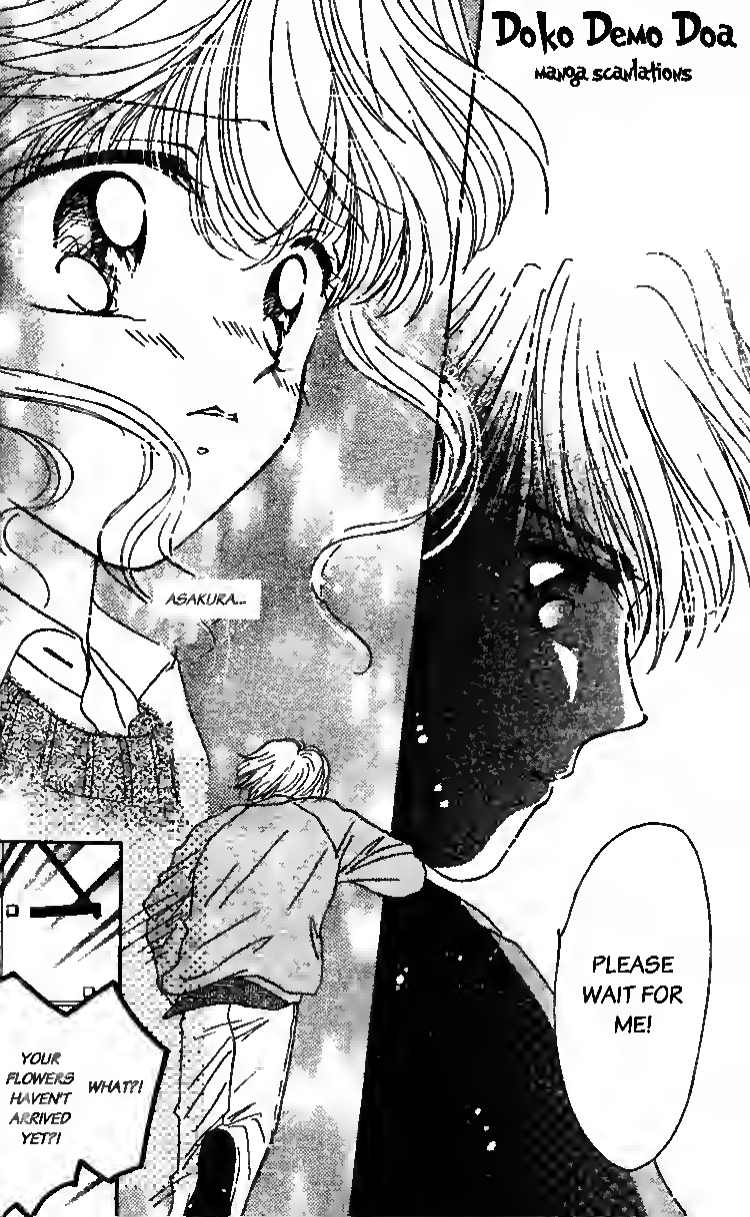

PLEASE..
DON'T DISQUALIFY ME!
HOW COULD YOU DO A THING LIKE THAT?
I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY MORE TIME. THE OTHER CONTESTANTS HAVE COME PREPARED.
I MAY HAVE TO DISQUALIFY YOU, MIZUKI-SAN
I CAN GUARANTEE THAT..
THE FLOWERS WILL BE HERE ON TIME!
I TRUST HIM.
I WILL WAIT FOR ASAKURA

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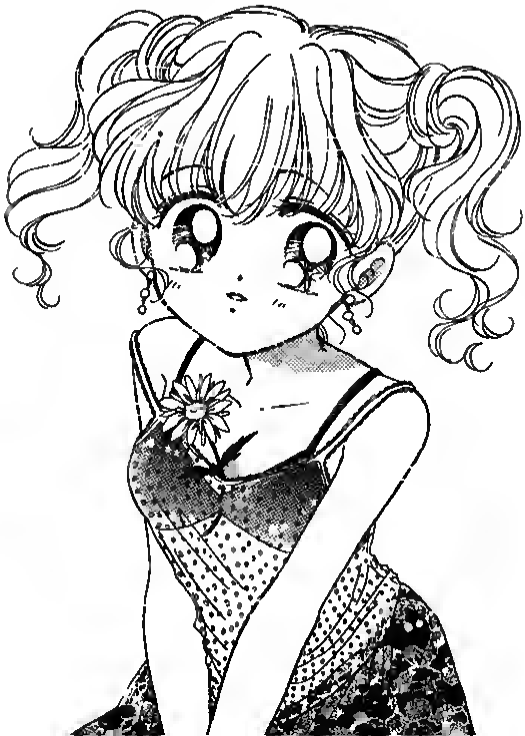

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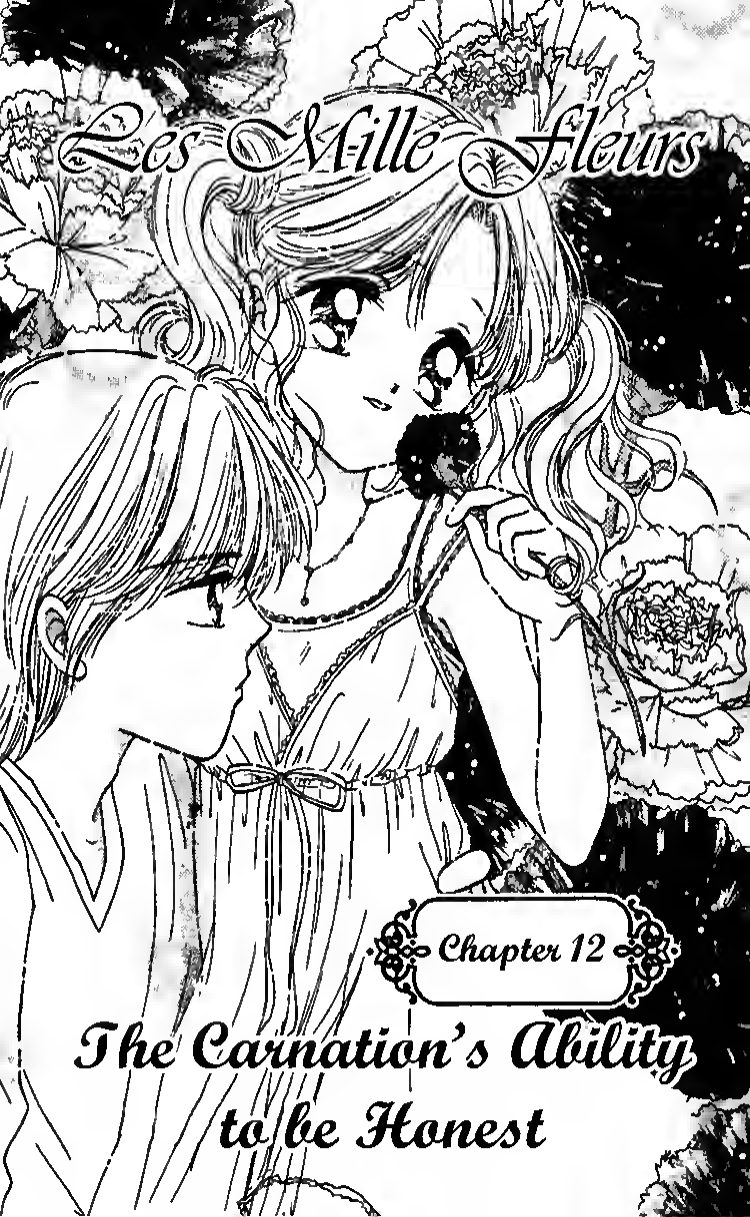
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Chapter 12
The Carnation's Ability to be Honest

I REPEAT, COULD ALL FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CONTESTANTS
COULD ALL FLOWER AR RANGEMENT CONTESTANTS ENTER ROOM A, PLEASE?
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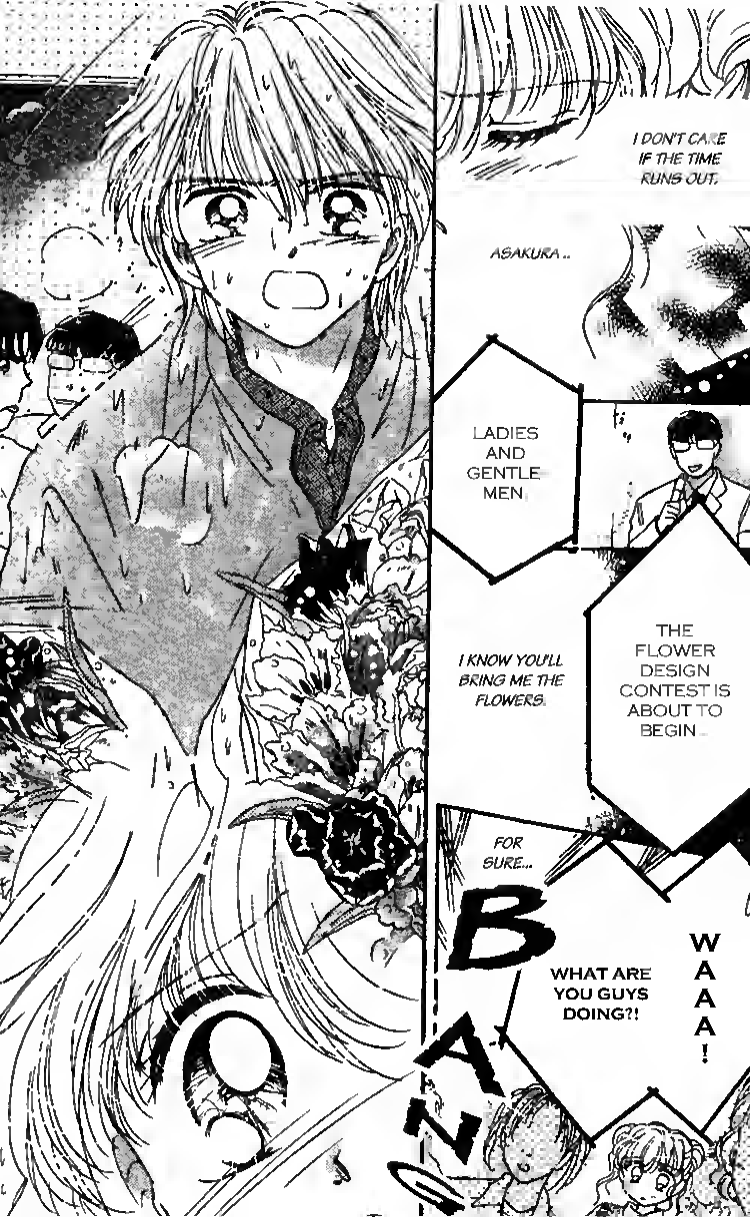
HE WILL BE THERE IN TIME. I KNOW IT!
NOT NOW, RYUJI
I'M MUCH TOO BUSY TO PLAY!
SLEEP
AH!
!!!

DARN IT! I KNEW HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT IN TIME!
PLUS, THE SKY LOOKS LIKE IT IS GOING TO RAIN.
UNCLE!
WHERE'S CHIKA?
SHE'S INSIDE, QUICK!
FATHER, NII-CHAN!
WE COULDN'T FIND TULIPS ANYWHERE, BUT WE FOUND THESE BEAUTIFUL CARNATIONS
YOU COULD USE THEM INSTEAD.
THANK GOODNESS FOR THAT, CHIKA!

ASAKURA IS GOING TO BRING ME THOSE TULIPS!
CAN'T I WAIT JUST A LITTLE LONGER?
BUT, PLEASE,
THANK YOU ..
"I'LL JUST HAVE TO, WON'T I?"
CHIKA...
SORRY, I CAN'T GO ANY FASTER. LOOK HOW HEAVY THE TRAFFIC IS
ASAKURA!
I WANT TO WAIT FOR YOU.
"PLEASE WAIT FOR ME."
PLEASE! YOU HAVE TO COME, BECAUSE I'M WAITING FOR YOU!

IN THAT CASE, I'LL WALK FROM HERE.
DAP
CAN YOU ACTUALLY CARRY THOSE FLOWERS ALL BY YOURSELF?
WHAT? WAIT, SIR.
SPLASH
MIZUKI -SAN!

JUST GO, CHIKA.
EITHER COME WITH ME NOW OR I'LL DISQUALIFY YOU FROM THE COMPETITION!
!
KAZUSHI.
DON'T WORRY, I'LL WAIT FOR HIM HERE.
WE'RE STARTING THE CONTEST AT 10 SHARP!
THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!
PLEASE, CAN'T YOU JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME...?
KAZUSHI...
OKAY?
I KNOW IT.
HE'LL DEFINITELY COME.
WHAT'S WITH HER? SHE ISN'T PREPARING AT ALL.
RUMOR HAS IT THAT HER FLOWERS WERE NOT DELIVERED ON TIME.
CHATTER
CHATTER


I DON'T CARE IF THE TIME RUNS OUT.
ASAKURA..
LADIES AND GENTLE MEN.
THE FLOWER DESIGN CONTEST IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.
I KNOW YOU'LL BRING ME THE FLOWERS.
FOR SURE...
BANG
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?!
WAAAA!

HEY, YOU!!
HOW COME YOU'RE ALL SOAKED?
IS IT RAINING OUT THERE?

I PROM-ISE.
BECAUSE I'VE DONE MINE.
PROMISE ME YOU'LL DO YOUR BEST.
THE FLOWERS ARE HERE NOW.
BAM
EXCUSE US!
OKAY, EVERYONE, WE'RE LEAVING NOW. SORRY FOR THE DISTUR-BANCE!
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
THE CON-TEST IS ABOUT TO BEGIN...
WE... WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INTERRUP-TION.

Y... YOU...
YOU BROUGHT EVERY TULIP IN THE GARDEN?!
It took so much time and effort to grow them!
SORRY.
WHEN I COMBINE THESE TULIPS WITH THE CARNATIONS FROM FATHER, THE ARRANGEMENT WILL LOOK SO PRETTY!
THESE ARE PLENTY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE BROUGHT EVERY SINGLE TULIP IN THE GARDEN.
AKHOOOOO!
AAA...
AAA...
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT!
I WILL DO MY BEST
THROW
IDIOT! YOU'VE CAUGHT A COLD, RUNNING AROUND IN THE RAIN LIKE THAT!!
THANK YOU, ASAKURA.
I'M READY NOW.
EVEN THOUGH I FEEL MORE NERVOUS THAN...
WHEN I WAS WAITING FOR ASAKURA TO BRING ME THE FLOWERS,

I STILL WANT TO EXPRESS...
MY FEELINGS,
USING EACH AND EVERY FLOWER.

THIS WARM FEELING...
IT'S SPRING...
THE SPRING WE'VE WAITED SO LONG FOR...
WILL SOON BE HERE.
ARE ALL WAITING FOR SPRING...
PASTEL-COLORED TULIPS AND CARNATIONS,
ANGELIS NEGLECTER, BALLADE BLUE HERON, ALYA EVEREST, MIRAGE,

I'VE NEVER SEEN SOMEONE SEEM SO HAPPY WHILST ARRANGING FLOWERS..
SHE HAS SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT,
THAN THE TECHNICAL SKILL OF THE OTHERS
SHE FORGOT ALL HER ANXIETY, AND ALSO..
IT SAYS HERE THAT SHE'S NOT A PROFESSIONAL DESIGNER, BUT I MIGHT HAVE MISTAKEN HER FOR ONE.
WHAT'S YOUR OPINION, NIKAIDOU-SAN?
A COMBINATION OF TULIPS AND CARNATIONS?
AN UNUSUAL CHOICE, BUT THEY CREATE AN UNEXPECTEDLY INTERESTING SHAPE AND COLOR EFFECT
MINIMALISM AND SIMPLICITY ARE NOT NECESSARILY BAD THINGS BUT I BELIEVE SHE COULD HAVE USED A GREATER SELECTION OF DIFFERENT FLOWERS PLUS THE WAY SHE'S ARRANGED THE FLOWERS IS FAR LESS ORGANIZED THAN THE PROFESSIONAL ONES.
HUH?
SHE'S GOT NO CHANCE.
BUT...
.....

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NOW IT'S THE MOMENT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS OF THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CATEGORY.
THE THIRD PLACE GOES TO, YUKI NAKATA-SAN FROM THE NAKATA FLOWER DESIGN SCHOOL!
SECOND PLACE NANAKO SAWAKI FROM N STUDIO!
AND THE FIRST PLACE GOES TO AKEMI TSUJI-SAN FROM TSUJI FLOWER ACADEMY!
AND THE ALL ROUND WINNER OF THE FLOWER DESIGN CONTEST IS KYOKO ABE-SAN FROM ABE FLORISTS!
CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!
WAAA WAAA WAAA

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST...
WE'LL ANNOUNCE THE WINNER OF A NEW CATEGORY...
A SPECIAL WINNER CHOSEN BY THE JUDGES...
FROM MIZUKI FLORIST...
CHIKA MIZUKI-SAN!
WHAT?!
CHIKA, CONGRATZ!
M... ME!? NO WAY!
YOU'RE AWESOME!
ASAKURA...

MOTHER
CON-GRATULA-TIONS
THE PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED BY ONE OE THE JUDGES KIMIKA NIKAIDOU-SAN
YOU STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IN TERMS OF THE TECHNICAL SKILLS, BUT FORGETTING THAT, YOUR ARRANGEMENT IS REALLY PRETTY.
YOUR ARRANGEMENT COMBINES MANY COLORS, WHICH MAKES IT LOOK CROWDED, BUT, IT'S STILL A BEAUTIFUL ARRANGEMENT.
WHAT WAS YOUR THEME FOR THIS AR-RANGEMENT?
TELL ME,

I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY DREAM.
"DREAM".
IS THAT SO?
CHIKA?
WHERE'S SHE GOING?
PANT PANT
WAIT UP!

FOR ME?
UMM... HERE...
PLEASE WAIT FOR A MOMENT.
SURE.
TULIPS THAT WERE TAKEN FROM MY FAVORITE GARDEN
THE FLOWERS I USED TODAY WERE CARNATIONS FROM MY FATHER AND...
THE CARNATIONS BREAK BAD MEMORIES FROM THE PAST,
AND THE TULIPS HAVE THE POWER TO RESTORE RELATIONSHIPS.
THIS IS JUST A LITTLE BOUQUET. BUT,
I WANTED TO GIVE IT TO YOU, MOTHER.

I HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO SAY, BUT,
I DON'T LIKE CARNATIONS, SINCE THEY ARE A MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER.
BUT THIS BOUQUET IS VERY PRETTY.
I DON'T WANT TO LIE ANYMORE. I JUST WANT TO BE HONEST WITH MYSELF.
I CHOSE MY JOB OVER MY FAMILY...
THANK YOU, CHIKA.
CHIKAAA!
AH
CHIKA, YOU HAVE A RARE TALENT.
SMILE
PLEASE CONTINUE TO AR-RANGE FLOWERS.
AND TAKE CARE OF YOUR-SELF

"HOLD ON TO YOUR DREAM..."
CONGRATULATIONS, CHIKA!
YOU DID IT!
EH?
LOOK, THE SKY IS SO BRIGHT!
IT REALLY IS.

COME ON, I'VE APOLOGIZED TO YOU ALREADY!
EVEN IF YOU SAID IT MILLION TIMES IT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH
JEEZ!
HOW COULD YOU SAY SUCH A THING? YOU WERE SO NERVOUS BACK THEN
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I MANAGED TO WIN A TROPHY
I STILL KEEP EXPECTING TO WAKE UP FROM A DREAM!
AAAH!
HM.
STILL, I'M HAPPY FOR YOU
I'M SO GLAD THAT .. I PARTICIPATED IN THIS COMPETITION
I WOULD REGRET NOT ENTERING.
EH?
WH... WHAT?

WHAT'S THAT SUP-POSED TO MEAN?
WH..
ALL OF A SUDDEN!
I...
FEEL LIKE YOU..
REALLY ARE..
AMAZING!
EH?
WAAA!
WAAAAAA!
WATCH OUT!

OWOWOWOWOW!
!?
OUCH!
WHAT'S THAT?
AH!
IS THAT A CUT?
.....
DON'T TELL ME... YOU GOT THIS WOUND WHEN YOU WERE CUTTING THE TULIPS FOR ME?
JUST FORGET IT. IT'S NOTHING
IT'S NOT NOTHING! PLUS, YOUR CLOTHES GOT ALL DIRTY!
YOU ONLY JUST NOTICED?
HE FELL DOWN INTO MUD 3 TIMES
THE THING IS... IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF..

SERIOUSLY... THANK YOU.
THANK YOU

.....
WHAT?!

AAAH.
.....
JEEZ!
WHAT...
ARE THOSE TWO DOING OVER THERE?
.....

HEY!
WE HAVE TO GO NOW!
UNCLE AND SHIN-SAN ARE WAITING WITH THE CAR
OKAY. WE'LL BE THERE SOON.
KAZUSHI.
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A FEAST TO CELEBRATE!
COME ON, YOU TWO, HURRY UP!
.....

MY HEART...
WON'T STOP BEATING
LET'S GO
OKAY.
EVER SINCE THE FIRST TIME WE MET,
HE WAS ALWAYS SO HORRIBLE TO ME,
AND I HATED HIM SO MUCH.
BUT,
ALL THAT TIME...

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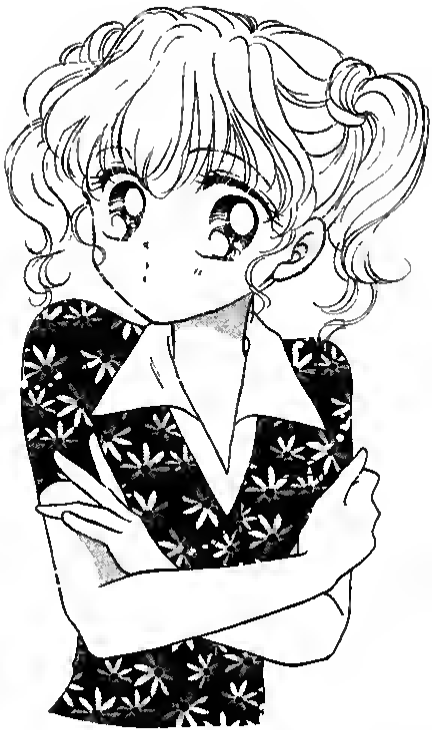
WAS I JUST IN LOVE WITH HIM?
I LOVE ASAKURA...



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IT WON'T BE EASY, BUT,
IF I CAN DO THAT...
HMMM,
WHAT LOVELY WEATHER WE HAVE TODAY
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR ME NOW IS
TO BE HONEST WITH MYSELF.
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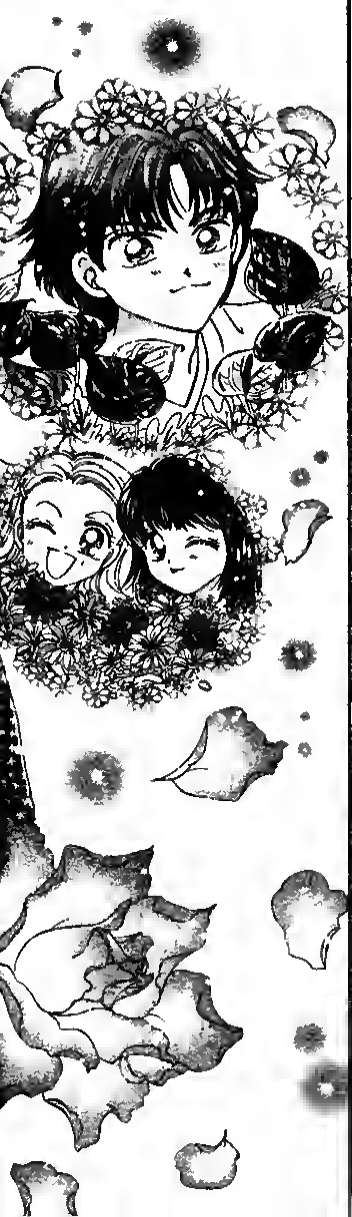
I'M SURE...



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Last Chapter
A Dream Bouquet

IT'S ALIVE!
I ONLY NOTICED THE BUD THIS MORNING
YUP!
I WAS THINKING THAT THEY'D NEVER BLOOM.
IT'S A MIRACLE!
SO ASAKURA'S FLOWER IS ALSO BEGINNING TO BLOOM

...
IT'S JUST AS HIKARU-SAN TOLD ME,
IF THE PLANTS KNOW THAT WE'RE CARING FOR THEM WITH LOVE,
THEY WILL BLOOM BEAUTI-FULLY
SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT.. IT'S JUST LIKE HIM.
TWO LIVING THINGS...
HAVE WOKEN UP FROM A LONG SLEEP...
I WONDER WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE WHEN IT HAS FINISHED BLOOMING.
BECAUSE THESE TWO FLOWERS ARE UNIQUE, AND YOU CAN'T FIND THEM ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD
NAME?
ANYWAY, WE HAVE TO NAME THEM I'M GOING TO MAKE UP THE PRETTIEST NAME I CAN FOR THIS FLOWER.
I DON'T UNDER-STAND ANYTHING YOU JUST SAID
AAAH! YOU'RE TEASING ME AGAIN!
WAIT UP, ASAKURA!

I HOPE... THEY WILL BLOOM BEAUTIFULLY.
YES.
LITTLE BY LITTLE,
HE IS CHANGING, EVEN THOUGH IT'S DIFFICULT TO NOTICE.
CHIKA, ASAKURA! OVER HERE!
THE NATIONAL FLOWER DESIGN CONTEST WINNERS' EXHIBITION
THERE'RE A LOT OF PEOPLE ALREADY.
AAAH!

"A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WINS THE SPECIAL AWARD! A COMBINATION OF DEEPLY CONTEMPLATED CONSTRUCTION AND INCREDIBLE COLORS..."
AND THERE'S AN ARTICLE ABOUT IT IN THE NEWSPAPER AS WELL!
KAZUSHI, WHY DID YOU BRING THAT NEWSPAPER ALONG?!
LOOK, EVERYONE! CHIKA'S ARRANGEMENT IS THE MOST POPULAR ONE!
YOU REALLY DID IT!
BECAUSE YOU'RE AMAZING, CHIKA.
IT LOOKS LIKE...
THE SHAPE IS ASTONISHING. IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL.
TWO LOVERS APPROACHING EACH OTHER.

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ERI
THE FIRST TIME I SAW IT,
I KNEW IMMEDIATELY THAT IT WAS A PICTURE OF YOU AND ASAKURA-SAN.
YOUR FEELINGS HAVE BEEN TRULY EXPRESSED
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOUR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT, CHIKA.
GOOD LUCK!
KEEP MAKING THEM SO YOU CAN GET EVEN BETTER!
AND SHOW THEM TO ME!
THANK YOU.
I'LL DO MY BEST...
I EXPRESSED MY DREAM AND FEELINGS TOWARD ASAKURA IN THAT SQUIGGLE.

I DON'T WANT TO LIE ANY-MORE.
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE REST.
I'M GOING TO PLANT DIGITALIS WHERE THE TULIPS USED TO BE.
WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING WITH THAT EMPTY SPACE, RIGHT?
AND I MIGHT AS WELL HELP WHILE I'M HERE.
KAZUSHI, THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING.
LEAVE IT TO ME!
I'M GOING HOME TOMOR-ROW
KAZUSHI!
I FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FLOWERS.
OTHERWISE, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DEFEAT YOU. I MEAN, LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE ACHIEVED AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE.

YOU LOVE ASAKURA,
DON'T YOU?
YES.
I'M SORRY, KAZUSHI.
OUCH.

AT LEAST YOU'RE BEING HONEST WITH YOURSELF
KAZUSHI ..
RYUUU!
DON'T YOU DARE TO DIG UP THE SEEDS..
THAT I PLANTED IN THE GARDEN, OKAY?
!?
I'M GONNAAAAA MISSS YOUUUU!!!!
WHY...
ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

KAZUSHI!!!!!
AND JUST LIKE THAT
KAZUSHI WENT BACK TO NAGANO
LEAVING BEHIND THE SCENT OF THE FLOWERS HE PLANTED FOR US

IT'S FINALLY BLOOMED...
THE FLOWER!
WOOF
ASAKURA?

THE STORE ISN'T OPEN YET, YOU KNOW.
WHAT'S UP?
COULD IT BE THAT YOUR FLOWER IS BLOOMING TOO?
WAIT A SEC! I HAVE TO CHANGE FIRST.
WHAT IS IT?
JUST COME WITH ME.
HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THE GARDEN?
THERE'S SOME-THING ELSE...
I WANT TO SHOW YOU..
NOW!

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AM I
DREAMING?

THE ROSES HAVE STARTED TO BLOOM.
IT'S LIKE A PARADISE.
IT REMINDS ME OF THE FIRST TIME I SAW THIS GARDEN.
NO,
BEAUTIFUL...
I COULDN'T WAIT TO SHOW YOU... HOW BEAUTIFUL IT LOOKS HERE.
THE FLOWER PETALS,
AND THE LEAVES
ARE SHIMMERING BECAUSE OF THE DEW ON THEM.
"COMPARED TO FIVE YEARS AGO, IT IS MORE"

WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL.
BECAUSE,
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN PEOPLE CRY AFTER SEEING SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL.
.....

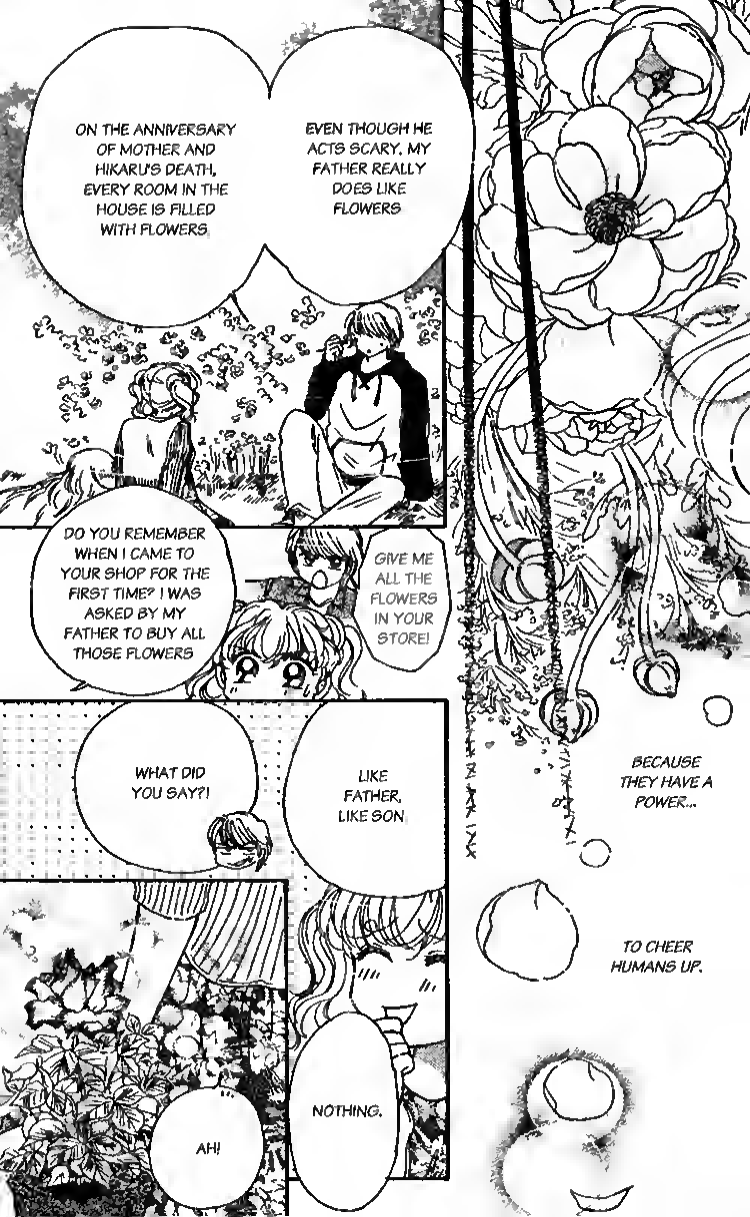
HE TOOK THE EARLIEST FLIGHT AND CAME BACK IMMEDIATELY.
YOU'RE HERE.
FATHER!
IMPOSSIBLE!
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THIS GARDEN?

THIS GARDEN IS NOT DEAD YET!
DO YOU STILL WANT TO DESTROY IT?
BUT, DIDN'T THIS GARDEN DIE A LONG TIME AGO? WHY..?
AT THAT MOMENT,
CHIKA TOLD ME,
"I WILL NOT LET THIS GARDEN DIE".
SO YOU ARE...

I'M BEGGING YOU,
PLEASE, DON'T DESTROY THIS GARDEN!
I BELIEVE THAT, THAT DAY LIVES ON IN THIS GARDEN.
ANYTIME THE FLOWERS BLOOM,
I WANT TO PROTECT ALL OF THEM.
I...
I WAS ONCE SHOWN KINDNESS BY HIKARU-SAN IN THIS GARDEN.
AND I WAS SO HAPPY BACK THEN.

.....
IT'S A SHAME,
BUT WHENEVER I LOOK AT THIS GARDEN,
I ALWAYS REMEMBER PAINFUL THINGS I WISH I COULD FORGET.
BUT,
YOU MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THIS GARDEN IS BEAUTIFUL.
YES,
IT IS BEAUTIFUL.
VERY BEAUTIFUL.

IN EVERY SEASON, I'LL MAKE SURE THAT FLOWERS WILL BLOOM BEAUTIFULLY.
OF COURSE!
COULD YOU CONTINUE TO LOOK AFTER THIS GARDEN?
THANK YOU SO MUCH.


ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF MOTHER AND HIKARU'S DEATH, EVERY ROOM IN THE HOUSE IS FILLED WITH FLOWERS.
EVEN THOUGH HE ACTS SCARY, MY FATHER REALLY DOES LIKE FLOWERS
DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN I CAME TO YOUR SHOP FOR THE FIRST TIME? I WAS ASKED BY MY FATHER TO BUY ALL THOSE FLOWERS
GIVE ME ALL THE FLOWERS IN YOUR STORE!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON.
AH!
NOTHING.
BECAUSE THEY HAVE A POWER...
TO CHEER HUMANS UP.

IT'S BLOOMING!
A LIGHT PINK ROSE...
SUCH AN ELEGANT AND SWEET FLOWER.
IT REMINDS ME OF A SUNSET SKY.
HEY, HOW ABOUT WE DECORATE YOUR GARDEN AND HOUSE WITH THIS FLOWER SOMEDAY?
WITH THIS FLOWER?
WE'LL NEED TO GROW MORE OF IT, THOUGH.

AND SOMEDAY, I WANT TO MAKE MY OWN GARDEN.
MY "DREAM GARDEN".
THE PERFECT GARDEN.
AND I'LL PLANT THIS FLOWER THERE
IS THAT SO?
THEN I'LL BUILD A HOUSE THERE.
WHAT?
MY...
"DREAM HOUSE".

ARE YOU GONNA SLAP ME AGAIN?
HUH?
N... NO! DON'T SAY SOME-THING LIKE THAT!
You're teasing me again! I hate you!
LET'S GO.
LET'S MAKE OUR DREAMS COME TRUE..

SLOWLY...
I HAVE TO COME UP WITH A CUTE AND PRETTY NAME FOR THIS FLOWER
IT NEEDS TO BE SOME-THING THAT WILL REALLY SUIT IT.
JEEZ, YOU STILL HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF A NAME YET?!
BUT THE NAME IS IMPORTANT!
THE NAME AND MEAN-ING CREATE THE IMAGE OF THE FLOWER!
JUST LET ME NAME IT!
HERE!
AAAH! WHO CARES?!
AAAH!

Chika
Chi Ka
THERE YOU GO!
A PRETTY NAME.
A THOUSAND FLOWERS...
THAT EXPRESSES THE HAPPINESS IN HER HEART.
HEY, WAIT UP!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
CHIKA!
CHECK OUT TODAY'S FLOWERS!

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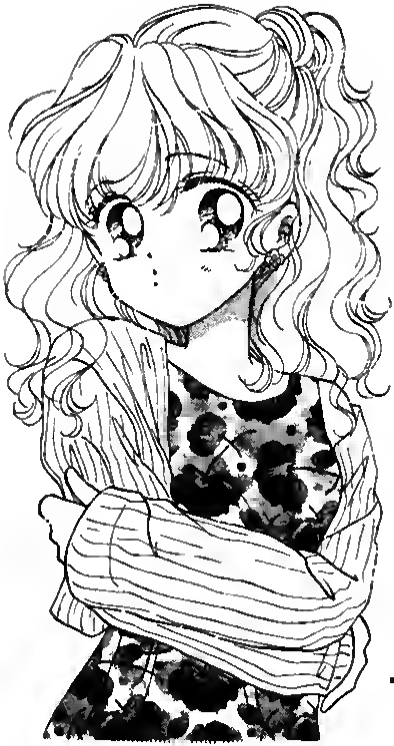

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Rindou's Love

WHEN THE RINDOU FLOWERS BLOOM
I'M GOING TO TELL HIM
TELL HIM ABOUT THE FEELINGS
I'VE HIDDEN ALL THESE YEARS
KAZUUU!
KAZUSHI?
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GRAB
WAAAAAAAA!
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD SCARE ME BY SNEAKING UP ON ME LIKE THAT, RIN?
I WASN'T TRYING TO SCARE YOU!
ANYWAY, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SCARED ME!!

YOU HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE FIELD. UNCLE NEEDS YOUR HELP.
REALLY? I COMPLETELY LOST TRACK OF THE TIME.
ANYWAY, I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU. IT'S SUMMER BREAK, AND YET YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO THAN HELP ME IN THE FIELDS.
BUT YOU ASKED ME TO HELP YOU OUT, REMEMBER?!
YOU WERE USING ME BECAUSE WE'RE NEIGHBORS AND I HAD NOTHING TO DO.
OH YEAH! I REMEMBER NOW.
AC HOOO!
UUUH!
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT FOR FALLING ASLEEP OUTSIDE.
IT'S SUMMER, BUT THE AIR ITSELF IS STILL COLD
BUT,
I LIKE IT HERE.
LOOK, THE RINDOUS ARE READY TO BLOOM.
I BET THEY'LL BLOOM WITHIN A WEEK.
IT'LL LOOK BEAUTIFUL HERE.

BUT I CAN'T WAIT FOR THEM TO BLOOM SO I DON'T MIND
TOO BAD THAT WHEN THE RINDOUS BLOOM, IT MEANS THAT SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER.
FORGET IT, I DON'T WANT THAT!
IN THAT CASE, I'LL GIVE YOU A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF KAZUSHI-BRAND FERTILIZER!
DON'T I DESERVE SOME SORT OF GIFT?
SINCE I'M THE ONE WHO FOUND THIS PLACE AND SHOWED IT TO YOU.
SOON
THIS SHORT SUMMER WILL END
WHAT?
CHIKA IS COMING TO NAGANO?
AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS

AAAH, I HAVEN'T SEEN HER FOR SO LONG!
ONLY FOR 2 OR 3 DAYS, THOUGH. HER BROTHER'S COMING HERE TO DO SOME SKETCHING, SO SHE'S KEEPING HIM COMPANY.
OOPS, SORRY...
DON'T BE SILLY!
I'M COMPLETELY FINE NOW.
KAZU, ARE YOU GOING BACK TO CHIKA'S PLACE AGAIN? DIDN'T YOU JUST COME BACK FROM THERE?
NO. I'M NOT GOING THERE ANYMORE.
BESIDES, THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO DO ON THE FIELD AND IT WILL HELP ME LEARN MORE ABOUT HORTICULTURE.
BUT,
WHAT ABOUT CHIKA?

I GOT REJECTED.
WELL? AREN'T YOU GONNA LAUGH AT ME?
.....
IT CAN'T BE HELPED SHE'S IN LOVE WITH SOME OTHER GUY.
I'LL JUST HAVE TO FORGET ABOUT HER.
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT, AREN'T I?
OF COURSE NOT!

IT'S SO HARD FOR ME TO SEE KAZU LIKE THIS
THAT KAZUSHI LOVED CHIKA.
WH.. WHY ARE YOU SHOUTING AT ME?
HEY, RIN?
I'M NOT SHOUT-ING!
HEY, WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
I'M NOT CRYING!
I KNEW..
BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS WATCHED HIM
.....

EVEN THOUGH I WOULDN'T WANT KAZU AND CHIKA TO GET TOGETHER,
I DON'T WANT KAZU TO BE SAD EITHER
WHAT?
KAZU, COME WITH ME!
JUST FOLLOW ME. WE'RE NEARLY THERE
WE'VE ALREADY GONE PAST YOUR HOME
ARE WE GOING TO THE MOUNTAIN?

AWESOME!
THE SCENERY IS REALLY BEAUTIFUL.
WE USED TO PLAY HERE A LOT, REMEMBER?
YES, BUT IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I LAST SAW THIS PLACE.
I CAN FEEL THE BREEZE
EH?
AREN'T THESE RINDOUS?
I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY IN ONE PLACE BEFORE!
BUT LATELY, THEY'VE BECOME QUITE WITHERED
I HOPE THEY CAN BECOME HEALTHY AND BEAUTIFUL AGAIN
DO YOU THINK THEY'LL BE ABLE TO, KAZU?
OF COURSE!
I'LL GIVE THEM A HELPING HAND!

THE MEANING OF RINDOU IS "LOVING YOU WHEN YOU'RE SAD".
I'M GLAD YOU'VE CHEERED UP!
BUT I WANT KAZU TO BE HAPPY ALL THE TIME.
THE MEANINGS OF FLOWERS
CHIKA GAVE ME THIS BOOK.
KAZUSHI!
RIN!
IT MIGHT BECOME MORE COMPLICATED IF KAZU MEETS CHIKA NOW.
BUT I THINK IT'LL BE FINE, SINCE HE'S RECOVERED ALREADY.

THE AIR SMELLS REALLY FRESH.
I'M SO HAPPY TO BE HERE ONCE AGAIN
NICE TO SEE YOU, KAZUSHI.
HOW ARE YOU? YOUR HAIR'S GROWN A LOT, HASN'T IT?
YOU TOO LET ME CARRY YOUR BAGS.
HEY, I CAN HEAR YOU!
HE'S MUCH LOUDER THAN YOUR BROTHER.
AND IF YOU AGREE, HE'S A COMPLETE PERFECTIONIST AND NAGS YOU NON-STOP TO DO IT HIS WAY, EVEN ON LITTLE THINGS LIKE HOW TO WATER THE PLANTS OR WEED THE GROUND.
I'M WARNING YOU THAT KAZU WILL TRY TO MAKE YOU TO HELP HIM AS WELL.
STOP IT, YOU TWO!
I WAS ONLY TELLING THE TRUTH.
DON'T THINK I'LL LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THAT.
WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO NOW?
WANNA COME SEE THE FIELD? IT'S CHANGED A LOT...
SINCE THE LAST TIME YOU SAW IT
SURE.
WE ALWAYS FIGHT...
HH
I WONDER IF HE'LL EVER REALIZE HOW I FEEL ABOUT HIM.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
WE ONLY HAVE BROTHERS AND THERE'RE NO KIDS THE SAME AGE AS US AROUND HERE.
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.

ARE YOU SENDING IT TO...
Hibiki Asakura
YOUR BOY-FRIEND?
YES.
BUT I HAVE TO GO TO POST OFFICE FIRST. AND MAIL THIS POSTCARD.
BU... BUT WE WENT THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE BEFORE, BECAUSE WE WERE BOTH SO STUBBORN!
JEEZ, LOOKS LIKE YOU TWO ARE ONE OF THOSE SUPER LOVEY DOVEY COUPLES I'M JEALOUS
BUT WHEN WE WERE HONEST WITH OURSELVES,
EVERYTHING WORKED OUT WELL...

I GUESS THAT'S WHY KAZU GAVE UP...
RIN?
I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT YOU LOVED HIM SO MUCH.
I REALLY AM JEALOUS.
YOU'RE HONEST WITH YOURSELF.
I SEE.
YOU KNEW?
BU- BU- BUT HE'S RECOVERED REALLY FAST! HE'S BEING HIS USUAL SELF, AND HE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS FINE!
KYAAA! WHAT AM I TALKING ABOUT?!
ANYWAY WILL YOU SHOW ME THE WAY TO THE POST OFFICE?
-I ALWAYS TALK TOO MUCH.
.....

I THOUGHT YOU WERE ASLEEP. RIGHT NOW SHE'S HELPING IN THE HERB FIELD.
SO IS EVERYONE ELSE.
WHERE'S CHIKA?
.....
I TOLD YOU I WAS FINE, RIGHT?
STOP ACTING ALL WEIRD.
WHEN I LOOK AT THE SCENERY HERE AND TAKE CARE OF THE FLOWERS...
I heard all your conversations earlier.
I... UNDERSTAND.

I FEEL CALMER,
AND MORE ENERGIZED
JUST LIKE THIS RINDOU.
THANK YOU, RIN, FOR TELLING ME ABOUT THIS PLACE.
I BROUGHT YOU HERE BECAUSE THIS PLACE IS SPECIAL TO ME
IT'S FILLED WITH MY FAVORITE FLOWER, THE RINDOU.
MY NAME IS TAKEN FROM THAT FLOWER.
WHAT!?
I WAS BORN IN AUTUMN AND THERE WERE A LOT OF RINDOU FLOWERS BLOOMING AT THAT TIME.
IS THAT WHY YOUR NAME IS "RIN"?
I SEE.
I'VE NEVER MADE THE CONNECTION.
STOP LAUGHING, WILL YOU?!
BEFORE, I COULDN'T EVEN TELL HIM...
A SIMPLE THING LIKE THIS.

HERE! LOOK AT THIS ONE!
WHICH ONE?
THAT RINDOU IS BLOOMING...
DOKI
KAZU...
I...
TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH?
IS NOW THE RIGHT TIME...

I SEE.
OH YEAH, I FORGOT TO HAVE BREAK-FAST. HOW EMBAR-RASSING.
GROWL
MAYBE THAT WASN'T THE RIGHT TIME...
UNCLE!
I FINISHED WEEDING AND WATERING THE FIELD FOR TODAY!
THANK YOU
WHERE'S KAZU?
HE FINISHED EARLY TODAY, SO HE'S TAKEN CHIKA SOMEWHERE.
WHAT?

KAZU?
THIS PLACE IS SO BEAUTIFUL!
I KNOW!
RIN SHOWED ME THIS PLACE.
AND THERE ARE SO MANY RINDOUS!
DID YOU KNOW THAT HER NAME WAS TAKEN FROM THE RINDOU FLOWER?
YOU LOOK SO HAPPY, KAZUSHI.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
RUSTLE
HE'S SO SLOW ON THE UPTAKE SOMETIMES.

RIN?
SINCE THE FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING,
I DECIDED TO SHOW THEM TO CHIKA.
WHY ARE YOU SO ANGRY?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
WHAT... ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SPECIAL!
I TOLD YOU THAT THIS PLACE WAS,
IF THE KINDOUS HAVE BLOOMED ...
KAZU AND ME.
THIS PLACE IS ONLY FOR THE TWO OF US,
RIN!

RIP
RIN!?
THEY'VE BLOOMED ...
STOP IT!
I DON'T UNDER-STAND!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!

ISN'T IT OBVI-OUS?!
IT'S BECAUSE I LOVE YOU!
I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS PLACE!
RIN!
WHAT'S...
WHAT'S WITH HER?!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO TELL HIM. BUT I COULDN'T HELP IT.
I'VE BOTTLED UP THIS FEELING FOR YEARS
I SHOULD..
HAVE..
CHIKA!
RIN, WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?
WELL? AREN'T YOU GONNA LAUGH AT ME?
OF COURSE NOT!
I'M GLAD YOU'VE CHEERED UP!

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
RIN!
I'M SO ASHAMED OF MYSELF!
RIN ..
SORRY, CHIKA.
I WAS REALLY UPSET EARLIER.
AND I KILLED THE FLOWERS...
KAZUSHI HASN'T COME HOME YET!
HE COULD NEVER COME BACK WITHOUT ..
HIS FAVORITE FLOWER, RIGHT?

HE'S NOT HERE.
KAZU...
HAVE BEEN PLANTED BACK INTO THE SOIL.
BUT THE RINDOU I DESTROYED EARLIER...

I'M REALLY SORRY.
I WON'T.
DON'T EVER DO THAT AGAIN.

WHY'RE YOU CRYING?
I'M NOT CRYING!
IN THAT CASE, SHOW ME YOUR FACE!
NO WAY!
I SAID, LOOK AT ME!
I DON'T WANT TO!
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO FIGHT!
I SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO YOU...
FOR YEARS...
I'M REALLY SORRY.
YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE.
I'LL GET ALL EMBARRASSED IF YOU APOLOGIZE.
THIS IS ALL...
MY FAULT.

STOP...
CRYING!
LET ME GO!
I'M NOT CRYING!

KAZU, YOU LIKE CHIKA!
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
OF COURSE I KNOW. YOU PROPOSED TO HER, FOR GOD'S SAKE!
I WISH YOU LUCK, KAZU

I'VE LOVED YOU FOR YEARS,
WHERE'S KAZUSHI NOW?
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU
HE'S LOOKING FOR...
KAZUSHI!
RINDOU!

THE SHORT SUMMER WILL SOON BE OVER.
WHEN THE RINDOUS HAVE COMPLETELY BLOOMED...
THE AUTUMN HAS COME.
THE END

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